



## CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL GROUP

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I would like to add my support for ambulatory care Pharmacists involvement in the care of patients afflicted with one or more chronic illness. As everyone is aware, many of these patients require multiple medications and frequent dose adjustments.

The Cedars-Sinai Medical Group has been utilizing the services of Clinical Pharmacists for 15 years in our Disease State Management programs. They have delivered very high quality care. We began utilizing their expertise when we were at full risk for pharmacy costs. While we are no longer responsible for pharmaceutical costs, we continue employing clinical pharmacists, as they have greatly enhanced our multidisciplinary teams. They often provide services to patients without receiving compensation for the services.

We are currently re-engineering primary care, developing a "Medical Home" and plan on expanding our Pharmacy Department to take on an even larger role in the care for our patients. They will fill the role of panel manager and health coach. They will also run our prescription refill clinic.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 310-385-3453 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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